

## COCOANUT CLUB

Meets for Tree Climbing  
and Milk Drinking.A Lay Brother Reads an Original  
Poem Dedicated to the  
Cocoanut.

A meeting of the members of the Cocoanut Club was held on Friday last under a grove of trees which the "searcher" had reported to be productive of singularly fine liquor. The official Kahuna delivered an invocation to the cocoanut, in the native language, and the whole company repeated the ritual with its impressive cabalistic signs, copied from an inscription ordered five thousand years ago by Isis, to be placed on some cocoanut trees growing on the Nile.

After the calling of the roll, the President stated that the influence of the club was pervading the South. Through its kahuna it had secured the negotiation of the annexation treaty by Mr. McKinley, and if the Emperor of Japan drank the milk of the cocoanut recently sent to him, by the club, his ecstasies would be so keen he would take the immigration matter out of diplomacy and consent to every request of Hawaii. The club had, in four years, ascended from the first circle of mystical-psycho-supernaturalism, as applied to human actions, and was now climbing over the wall, he might say, of the ninth circle. All this was due to the improved quality of cocoanut milk, secured by the Club's methods. The graceful climbing of a tree was, as the world knew, the first requisite for membership. Many candidates had been rejected. Some heart-rending scenes had occurred, when men were refused admission, and so ended their life hopes. The prehensile strength of the feet, the power to wind the foot and toes around a tree was, he believed, the foundation-stone, the destructive feature of the Club's claim to be recognized as coming next to the British Association in scientific organizations. He had noticed the gradual increase in the prehensile strength of the feet of the members. It had been said by some people with flat feet that this was only a Club of apes. He felt sure that every member was with him, when he said that it was about time to revive the early ideals of the race, and in a spot where the cocoanut flourished man's feet should adapt themselves to the tree, rather than the tree should shorten itself, and lower its fruits to man. It had been discovered by a German psychologist and physiologist that the nerves of a prehensile foot went directly to the brain centres, and the greater the prehensile strength, the larger was the action of the brain. It was now well known that men who failed in life, either as statesmen, soldiers, sailors, or business men, were very deficient in prehensile strength. Wellington's feet were much longer than those of Napoleon. He hoped that President Hosmer, Prof. Scott and Prof. Richards would see the gross error of their ways and give this matter more consideration in fixing the status of boys. It was known that Darwin, before his death, wrote a paper on this subject, fully sustaining the views of the club, but it was chewed up by a favorite goat he was teaching to read, and he died before he could replace it. Wallace and Wellsman had not agreed out of mere jealousy. (Here the tired members began to drink the milk of the cocoanut. The gurgling sound, united to that of the waves breaking on the near beach, produced a weird music, which the master of the club put into a score, which Prof. Berger will produce as the minut of the club.)

The member from Palolo rose and asked if he would be permitted to speak on the virtues of a deceased member, who had died "in the line of duty," that is, had fallen from a cocoanut tree.

The member from Kalihi objected. No one with sufficient prehensile strength could fall from a tree. As well eulogize a soldier who had killed himself in battle by pointing the butt of his gun at the enemy and then pulling the trigger with a string. It was simply suicide. Would President Dole be entitled to a tomb in Westminster Abbey if the Punahou boys drove out his government and established another Republic? The deceased member had failed in his duty.

It was said that the deceased member, in his dying moments, during a delirium, had worked his feet on the bed post, as if it were a cocoanut tree. Why had he not worked them on the bed itself, and saved his own honor, and that of the club?

The eulogium was not permitted. The secretary said he had received a letter from a resident of Norfolk, Ireland, stating that he had discovered an absolute cure for alcoholic intemperance in the use of the milk of the cocoanuts from trees especially grown for that purpose. He would read it at the next meeting.

The poet of the club read the following poem, in the native language, the careful translation of which follows the original:

HE PULE NIU.  
Eia kou niu la, e ke Akua!  
Niu hiwa, niu ielo,  
Niu haohao, niu o Walkiki,  
Nohoa ka niu?  
No Wawan ka niu,  
No Upolu ka niu,  
No Kukulua o Kahiki ka niu.

Heaha ko loko?  
He wai ko loko,  
He momona ko loko,  
He ono ko loko,  
He kena ko loko,  
He maona ko loko.

Kupu ka niu,  
Kupu ke kanaka,  
Pua ka niu,

Pua ka wahine ui,  
Hua ka niu,  
Hua na keiki,  
Na pulapula o ka aina.

Eia kou niu la, e ke Akua!  
He niu aha keia?  
He niu aloha,  
He niu inu,  
He niu ai,  
He niu kena,  
He niu maona.

Eia kou niu la, e ke Akua!  
He niu aha keia?  
He aha-niu hoohui-aupuni,  
He aha-niu hoohui-aina,  
Hoohui aku, hoohui mai.  
E iho ana o luna,  
E iho ana o lalo,  
E hui ana na aina,  
E ku ana na pala.

Pehea ka aha a kuaa?

Ua maikai ka aha,  
Aha-niu, aha-aloha,  
Aha-hoohui-aupuni,  
Aha-hoohui-aina.  
Ua mau ka pono o ka niu,  
Ua mau ka ea o ka aina.  
Amama! Ua noa!

Honolulu, Sept. 17, 1897.

A COCOANUT PRAYER.

Here is a cocoanut for you, oh Akua!  
A dark cocoanut, a yellow cocoanut.  
A milk-cocoanut, a Waikiki cocoanut.  
Whence came the cocoanut?  
The cocoanut came from Wawan,  
The cocoanut came from Upolu,  
The cocoanut came from the pillars of Tahiti.

What has it within?  
There is water within,  
There is richness within,  
There is sweetness within,  
There is stanching of thirst within,  
There is satisfying of hunger within.

The coco-palm grows,  
The man grows,  
The coco-palm blossoms,  
The maid blossoms,  
The coco-palm fruits,  
The child bears fruit,  
The offspring of the land.

Here is a cocoanut for you, oh Akua!  
What is the purpose of this cocoanut?  
It is a cocoanut of aloha,  
It is a cocoanut to give drink,  
It is a cocoanut to give food,  
It is a cocoanut to quench thirst,  
It is a cocoanut to satisfy hunger.

Here is a cocoanut for you, oh Akua!  
What is the purpose of this cocoanut?  
A mystic cord to unite governments,  
A mystic cord to unite lands,  
To weave a mutual bond.  
'The high shall be made low,  
The low shall be made high,  
Countries shall be joined together,  
The walls shall continue to stand.'

How does our charm work?  
Our sacred aha works well,  
Cord of coco-fibre, cord of affection,  
Cord of annexation.  
Binding together two nations.  
The virtue of the cocoanut continues,  
The life of the land remains.  
The burden is lifted! We are free!

Honolulu, Sept. 17, 1897.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Reorganization a Strong Political Body.

The American League has been reorganized, and stands today in rather better odor than in the early period of its history, when anybody with a white skin and a certificate of American naturalization could become a member.

In those days the meetings were only semi-private and the public was occasionally enlightened of the doings of the body through the columns of the press.

But all this is changed now, and it is difficult for a reporter to get the particulars as it would be for a tenderfoot to find water in Death Valley. The aims of the League are the same today as when it was started, but more representative and fewer worthless men are taken in. This change was found necessary in 1895. Some of the members were found lacking in patriotism and stamina. At present there are about 800 "good men and true" in the League, all willing to talk or fight for annexation, and their enthusiasm in the cause is as strong as ever. Since the reorganization many of the expelled members have made application for reinstatement, but in nearly every instance they have been refused.

Just now the members meet in districts; not in general session, as formerly, and these district meetings are called by the order of the Central Committee. No one outside the committee and the members of the district organization are supposed to know when or where these meetings are held. Whatever action is taken in the district meeting is reported to the Central Committee for ratification. In this way the work is done quietly and effectively.

The League, in the event of annexation, hopes to be the strongest party in the political field, and will be Republican. Should annexation fail, it will be the strongest party anyhow, and still Republican.

CATHODE RAYS.

First Class Instrument in Use at Queen's Hospital.

Purveyor Eckhardt of the Queen's Hospital gave an exhibition of the X-ray yesterday to J. M. Vivas of the O Luso, Ed Norrie of the Independent and a reporter for the Advertiser, late yesterday afternoon.

Bones of the hand and arm and contents of a wooden box were plainly visible by means of the cathode ray. As a final test the press men were permitted to look at the purveyor's ribs and spinal column. They were found intact and normal.

The machine in size is known as a "six-inch spark," the electricity being furnished to several storage batteries by the Hawaiian Electric Company. During the test yesterday the current indicated 250 candle-power. When the

machine was first placed in the hospital the power was taken direct from the works to the machine, but this was found unsatisfactory, owing to fluctuations. Storage batteries were then put in and the result has been entirely satisfactory.

Mr. Eckhardt has two lamps nearly the same diameter, but one is more powerful than the other, and is used more particularly in complicated cases. It was this strong one that was used when the visitors looked through the black box and examined the vertebrae in Mr. Eckhardt's spinal column. With the glass of less strength the bones in the hand and arms were plainly visible, and as he moved his fingers the action of the joints could be clearly noticed.

Mr. Eckhardt showed the newspaper men how photographs were taken with the X-ray, and the method was in the nature of a revelation. So far he has used only an ordinary 8x10 Seed plate in a common holder, and the experiments have been highly satisfactory.

In order that he may know whether the negative is a success and before going to the expense of having it developed he takes a sheet of black carbon paper and a piece of photographic bromide paper and places them in a thick envelope, so as to protect them from any ray of light which might come in through the windows. The cathode lamp is then adjusted so as to be in a horizontal position; the plate in the holder is placed directly under and about 12 inches from the lamp. On top of the holder he places the envelope containing the paper and the object to be photographed is placed on top. If the negative is a success the development of the bromide will show it.

There are a number of finished photographs in the hospital made by Mr. Eckhardt by means of the rays. They are remarkably clear and distinct, showing dislocations, fractures or malformations of the bones.

The machine was bought by the trustees of the hospital at an expense of \$440, and is used in the examination of fractures and dislocations. Outside physicians are permitted the use of the instrument at a nominal fee.

JAPANESE LABOR.

Attempt to Contract for 1,500 Fails—Large Number to Arrive.

Only three Japanese immigration companies are at present in the field to supply labor to the Hawaiian planters; that is, but three of them are getting orders. By a recent steamer from Japan Mr. Nakayama, at one time Japanese Inspector here, came over for the purpose of placing 1,500 laborers, but failed to succeed.

It seems that Nakayama represented a company that had received orders from parties in Brazil for that number of Japanese, and the men were recruited. About the time the men were ready to be shipped a cable was received by the company, announcing the failure of the parties ordering them. As the recruiting involved considerable expense, it was thought best to dispatch Mr. Nakayama to Honolulu to dispose of the men. But the scheme failed, owing, perhaps, to the fact that the company represented by him is not well known here.

Just now the Morioka and Hiroshima companies are recruiting most of the labor in Japan for shipment to Hawaii. It is said that one of these will send about 2,000 laborers here within the next four months. Their contracts will all be approved by the Government.

Those who believe chronic diarrhoea to be incurable should read what Mr. P. E. Grisham of Gaars Mills, La., has to say on the subject, viz.: "I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have tried all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found a remedy that effected a cure and that was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." This medicine can always be depended upon for colic, cholera morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea. It is pleasant to take and never fails to effect a cure. For sale by all druggists and dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaiian Islands.

SANITATION AND HUMAN LIFE.

In a recent lecture on what sanitation has done for human life, Professor Brewer of Yale University said that no one doubts that human life has been prolonged by the application of science in the last 50 years. How much mathematically this amounts to

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in years, in per cent, is an unanswerable question. We can never have the data in figures. Even if we had our vital statistics completed for that period men would differ as to the relative value of the several factors in this problem. Our great cities would not exist—they could not exist—without the aids of science. We have had the ancient Egyptians and Greek and Roman civilizations, which were pagan, and later Christian civilization, and all were powerless to convert practices. Between the epidemics that raged from time to time and the high death rate in the best years, the population of Europe as a whole probably scarcely increased at all for 1,000 or 1,200 years. This century came in without a single city in Christendom with 1,000,000 inhabitants. Paris in 1890 had but 548,000; London and the suburbs, in 1801, 864,845. The other great English cities had less than 100,000. Great cities could not endure then. First, the people could not be fed. Then, most of the population had to be fed and food produced within 20 miles of the place of consumption. Science has now made it possible to transport food half way round the globe and has discovered new methods of preservation as well. City population was not self-perpetuating. Man died off; the death rate was continually high and from time to time there was death by pestilence. Even where there were sewers

they were to drain the ground of water rather than to carry sewage. Now cities are made nearly as healthy as the country.—Mining and Scientific Press.

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At regular intervals on the leading Swiss thoroughfares refugees are provided where bona-fide workmen who are in search of employment can obtain a night's lodging, refreshments and whatever care they stand in need of, but beggars need not apply. During the first year of these refugees aid was extended to 10,659 travelers and refused to 1,432 unworthy applicants. The total expense of the society for 12 months was \$1,500, of which the State contributed 30 per cent, and the diminution in the number of vagabonds shows that the movement has prevented many indigent workers from drifting into the ranks of professional tramps. It is needless to contrast the advantages of such a system with that which takes it for granted that a man without work or money is necessarily a vagabond, and confines him among tramps and criminals until he loses his self-respect, and is ready when freed to become either thief or beggar as occasion serves.

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